

Claim Amendments

1. (original) An attachment for a blade of a playing stick, wherein the playing stick includes a proximal end portion with a handle and a distal end portion with the blade, wherein the blade includes an upper edge and a lower edge, wherein the attachment comprises:

- a) a base portion engaging the blade; and
- b) a floor extending from the base portion and comprising a leading edge, with the floor extending generally from the lower edge of the blade;
- c) whereby the leading edge can be slipped under an object which then can be played by the blade having the base portion.

2. (original) The attachment of claim 1, wherein the base portion comprises a channel for engaging at least one of the upper and lower edges.

3. (original) The attachment of claim 1, wherein the base portion comprises a pair of channels, with each of the channels engaging one of the edges, and with one of the channels being greater in width than the other of said channels.

4. (original) The attachment of claim 1, wherein the base portion and floor portion are integral and one-piece, wherein the base portion and floor portion can form an L-shape relative to each other, and wherein the base portion and floor portion can form a V-shape relative to each other.

5. (original) The attachment of claim 1, wherein the base portion and floor portion are integral and one-piece,

wherein the base portion and floor portion can form an L-shape relative to each other, wherein the base portion and floor portion can form a V-shape relative to each other, and wherein toe ends of the base portion and floor portion can form a general V-shape relative to each other at the same time that heel ends of the base portion and floor portion can form a general L-shape relative to each other.

6. (original) The attachment of claim 1, wherein the blade and floor portion can form an L-shape relative to each other, and wherein the blade and floor portion can form a V-shape relative to each other.

7. (original) The attachment of claim 1, wherein the floor includes an upper surface, a lower surface and a leading edge spaced from the base portion, with the upper and lower surfaces tapering toward each other in the direction of the leading edge.

8. (original) The attachment of claim 1, wherein the floor includes a lower surface and a leading edge spaced from the base portion, with the lower surface being curved in a direction from the base portion to the leading edge.

9. (original) The attachment of claim 1, wherein the floor includes an upper surface and a leading edge spaced from the base portion, with the upper surface being curved in a direction from the base portion to the leading edge.

10. (withdrawn) The attachment of claim 1 and the blade having a toe end and a heel end, wherein the base portion comprises a finger for engaging the heel end to maximize

retention of the attachment on the blade when the playing stick is in use.

11. (withdrawn) The attachment of claim 1, and further comprising a ceiling portion extending from the base portion and opposite of the floor portion, with the ceiling portion extending in a same direction as the floor portion, with the ceiling portion extending generally from the upper edge of the blade portion.

12. (withdrawn) The attachment of claim 1, wherein the floor portion includes a leading edge, with the leading edge including an undulating portion.

13. (withdrawn) The attachment of claim 1, wherein the floor portion includes a seat adapted for seating an object to be played with the stick.

14. (withdrawn) The attachment of claim 1, wherein the floor portion includes a depression adapted for seating an object to be played with the stick.

15. (withdrawn) The attachment of claim 1, wherein at least one of the base portion and the floor portion includes a slot adapted to be engaged by a tether wrapped about the blade to engage the base portion to the blade.

16. (withdrawn) The attachment of claim 1 and the blade of the playing stick being a curved blade, wherein the base portion includes a curved section adapted to confront and engage the curved blade of the playing stick.

17. (withdrawn) The attachment of claim 1 and the blade of the playing stick being a curved blade, wherein the floor portion includes a rear edge opposite of the leading edge, with the rear edge including a curved section adapted to confront the curved blade of the playing stick.

18. (original) The attachment of claim 1 and further comprising the playing stick, wherein the playing stick is a hockey stick.

19. (original) An attachment for a blade of a playing stick, wherein the playing stick includes a proximal end portion with a handle and a distal end portion with the blade, wherein the blade includes an upper edge and a lower edge, wherein the attachment comprises:

- a) a base portion engaging the blade;
- b) a floor extending from the base portion and comprising a leading edge, with the floor extending generally from the lower edge of the blade;
- c) whereby the leading edge can be slipped under an object which then can be played by the blade having the base portion;
- d) wherein the base portion includes a channel for engaging at least one of the upper and lower edges of the blade;
- e) wherein the floor portion includes a tapered portion running into the leading edge; and
- f) wherein the base portion and floor portion are integral and one-piece with each other.

20. (original) A kit combination comprising:

- a) an attachment for a blade of a playing stick, wherein the playing stick includes a proximal end

portion with a handle and a distal end portion with the blade, wherein the blade includes an upper edge and a lower edge, wherein the attachment comprises:

- i) a base portion engaging the blade; and
 - ii) a floor extending from the base portion and comprising a leading edge, with the floor extending generally from the lower edge of the blade;
 - iii) whereby the leading edge can be slipped under an object which then can be played by the blade having the base portion; and
- b) an object for being picked up and flung by the blade of the playing stick, wherein the object has a shape resembling dog waste.

21. (withdrawn) An attachment for a playing stick, wherein the playing stick includes a proximal end portion with a handle and a distal end portion, wherein the attachment comprises:

- a) a blade that comprises a lower edge and a heel end, with the heel end being adaptable to be engaged to the distal end portion of the playing stick; and
- b) a floor extending generally from the lower edge of the blade, with the floor comprising a leading edge spaced from the blade;
- c) whereby the leading edge can be slipped under an object which then can be played by the blade having the base portion.

22. (withdrawn) A play apparatus comprising:

- a) a stick comprising a handle end and a distal end spaced from the handle end;

b) a blade comprising a toe end, a heel end, an upper edge, a lower edge, a first face, and a second face, with the heel end being engaged to the distal end of the stick; and

c) a floor portion extending generally from the lower edge of the blade and having a leading edge adapted for digging under an object with which the play apparatus plays, with the floor portion including an upper surface having a seat adapted for seating the object with which the play apparatus plays.

23. (withdrawn) The play apparatus of claim 22, wherein the stick is extendable and retractable relative to the blade.